

Chapter 6: The Normal Distribution

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| Exercise 1. | *A bottle of water contains 12.05 fluid ounces with a standard deviation of 0.01 ounces. Define the random variable X in words. X =*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | |
| Solution | ounces of water in a bottle | |
| Exercise 2. | *A normal distribution has a mean of 61 and a standard deviation of 15. What is the median?* |
| Solution | 61 |
| Exercise 3. | *X ~ N(1,2)*  *σ =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| Solution | 2 |
| Exercise 4. | *A company manufactures rubber balls. The mean diameter of a ball is 12 cm with a standard deviation of 0.2 cm. Define the random variable X in words. X =*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| Solution | diameter of a rubber ball |
| Exercise 5. | *X ~ N(-4,1).*  *What is the median?* |
| Solution | -4 |
| Exercise 6. | *X ~ N(3,5).*  *σ =\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| Solution | 5 |
| Exercise 7. | *X ~ N(-2,1)*  *μ =\_\_\_\_\_\_* |
| Solution | ­–2 |
| Exercise 8. | *What does a z-score measure?* |
| Solution | the number of standard deviations a value is from the mean |
| Exercise 9. | *What does standardizing a normal distribution do to the mean?* |
| Solution | The mean becomes zero. |
| Exercise 10. | *Is X ~ N(0,1) a standardized normal distribution? Why or why not?* |
| Solution | Yes, because the mean is zero and the standard deviation is one. |
| Exercise 11. | *What is the z-score of x = 12, if it is two standard deviations to the right of the mean?* |
| Solution | *z* = 2 |
| Exercise 12. | *What is the z-score of x = 9, if it is 1.5 standard deviations to the left of the mean?* |
| Solution | *z* = -1.5 |
| Exercise 13. | *What is the z-score of x = -2, if it is 2.78 standard deviations to the right of the mean?* |
| Solution | *z* = 2.78 |
| Exercise 14. | *What is the z-score of x = 7, if it is 0.133 standard deviations to the left of the mean?* |
| Solution | *z* = -0.133 |
| Exercise 15. | *Suppose X ~ N(2, 6). What value of x has a z-score of three?* |
| Solution | *x* = 20 |
| Exercise 16. | *Suppose X ~ N(8, 1). What value of x has a z-score of -2.25?* |
| Solution | *x* = 5.75 |
| Exercise 17. | *Suppose X ~ N(9, 5). What value of x has a z-score of -0.5?* |
| Solution | *x* = 6.5 |
| Exercise 18. | *Suppose X ~ N(2, 3). What value of x has a z-score of -0.67 ?* |
| Solution | *x* = -0.01 |
| Exercise 19. | *Suppose X ~ N(4, 2). What value of x is 1.5 standard deviations to the left of the mean?* |
| Solution | *x* = 1 |
| Exercise 20. | *Suppose X ~ N(4, 2). What value of x is two standard deviations to the right of the mean?* |
| Solution | *x* = 8 |
| Exercise 21. | *Suppose X ~ N(8, 9). What value of x is 0.67 standard deviations to the left of the mean?* |
| Solution | *x* = 1.97 |
| Exercise 22. | *Suppose X ~ N(–1, 2). What is the z-score of x = 2?* |
| Solution | *z* = 1.5 |
| Exercise 23. | *Suppose X ~ N(12, 6). What is the z-score of x = 2?* |
| Solution | *z* = -1.67 |
| Exercise 24. | *Suppose X ~ N(9, 3). What is the z-score of x = 9?* |
| Solution | *z* = 0 |
| Exercise 25. | *Suppose a normal distribution has a mean of six and a standard deviation of 1.5. What is the z-score of x = 5.5?* |
| Solution | *z* ≈ –0.33 |
| Exercise 26. | *In a normal distribution, x = 5, z = –1.25. This tells you that x = 5 is \_\_\_\_ standard deviations to the \_\_\_\_ (right or left) of the mean.* |
| Solution | 1.25, left |
| Exercise 27. | *In a normal distribution, x = 3, z = 0.67. This tells you that x = 3 is \_\_\_\_ standard deviations to the \_\_\_\_ (right or left) of the mean.* |
| Solution | 0.67 , right |
| Exercise 28. | *In a normal distribution, x = –2, z = 6. This tells you that x = –2 is \_\_\_\_ standard deviations to the* *\_\_\_\_ (right or left) of the mean.* |
| Solution | six, right |
| Exercise 29. | *In a normal distribution, x = –5, z = –3.14. This tells you that x = -5 is \_\_\_\_ standard deviations to the \_\_\_\_ (right or left) of the mean.* |
| Solution | 3.14, left |
| Exercise 30. | *In a normal distribution, x = 6, z = –1.7 . This tells you that x = 6 is \_\_\_\_ standard deviations to the \_\_\_\_ (right or left) of the mean.* |
| Solution | 1.7, left |
| Exercise 31. | *About what percent of x values from a normal distribution lie within one standard deviation (left and right) of the mean of that distribution?* | | |
| Solution | about 68% | | |
| Exercise 32. | *About what percent of x-values from a normal distribution lie within two standard deviations (left and right) of the mean of that distribution?* | | |
| Solution | about 95.45% | | |
| Exercise 33. | *About what percent of x values lie between the second and third standard deviations (both sides)?* | | |
| Solution | about 4.28% | | |
| Exercise 34. | *Suppose X ~ N(15, 3). Between what x-values does 68.27% of the data lie? The range of x-values are centered at the mean of the distribution (i.e., 15).* | | |
| Solution | between 12 and 18 | | |
| Exercise 35. | *Suppose X ~ N(–3, 1). Between what x-values does 95.45% of the data lie? The range of x-values is centered at the mean of the distribution (i.e., –3).* | | |
| Solution | between –5 and –1 | | |
| Exercise 36. | *Suppose X ~ N(–3, 1). Between what x-values does 34.14% of the data lie?* | | |
| Solution | between –4 and –3 or between –3 and –2 | | |
| Exercise 37. | *About what percent of x-values lie between the mean and three standard deviations?* | | |
| Solution | about 50% | | |
| Exercise 38. | *About what percent of x values lie between the mean and one standard deviation?* | | |
| Solution | about 34% | | |
| Exercise 39. | *About what percent of x values lie between the first and second standard deviations from the mean (both sides)?* | | |
| Solution | about 27% | | |
| Exercise 40. | *About what percent of x values lie between the first and third standard deviations (both sides)?* | | |
| Solution | about 31% | | |
| Exercise 41. | *The life of Sunshine CD players is normally distributed with a mean of 4.1 years and a standard deviation of 1.3 years. A CD player is guaranteed for 3 years. We are interested in the length of time a CD player lasts.*  *Define the Random Variable X in words. X =*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | | |
| Solution | The lifetime of a Sunshine CD player measured in years | | |
| Exercise 42. | *The life of Sunshine CD players is normally distributed with a mean of 4.1 years and a standard deviation of 1.3 years. A CD player is guaranteed for 3 years. We are interested in the length of time a CD player lasts.*  *X ~* \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_) | | |
| Solution | *X* ~ *N*(4.1, 1.3) | | |
| Exercise 43. | *How would you represent the area to the left of one in a probability statement?*  *Figure 6.13* | | |
| Solution | *P*(*x* < 1) | | |
| Exercise 44. | *What is the area to the right of one?*  *Figure 6.14* | | |
| Solution | 1 – *P*(*x* < 1) or *P*(*x* > 1) | | |
| Exercise 45. | *Is P(x < 1) equal to P(x ≤ 1)? Why?* | | |
| Solution | Yes, because they are the same in a continuous distribution. *P*(*x* = 1) = 0 | | |
| Exercise 46. | *How would you represent the area to the left of three in a probability statement?*  *Figure 6.15* | | |
| Solution | *P*(*x* < 3) | | |
| Exercise 47. | *What is the area to the right of three?*  *Figure 6.16* | | |
| Solution | 1 – *P*(*x* < 3) or *P*(*x* > 3) | | |
| Exercise 48. | *If the area to the left of x in a normal distribution is 0.123, what is the area to the right of x?* | | |
| Solution | 1– 0.123 = 0.877 | | |
| Exercise 49. | *If the area to the right of x in a normal distribution is 0.543, what is the area to the left of x?* | | |
| Solution | 1 – 0.543 = 0.457 | | |
| Exercise 50. | *X ~ N(54, 8)*  *Find the probability that x > 56.* | | |
| Solution | 0.4013 | | |
| Exercise 51. | *X ~ N(54, 8)*  *Find the probability that x < 30.* | | |
| Solution | 0.0013 | | |
| Exercise 52. | *X ~ N(6, 2)*  *Find the probability that x is between three and nine.* | | |
| Solution | 0.8664 | | |
| Exercise 53. | *X ~ N(–3 ,4)*  *Find the probability that x is between one and four.* | | |
| Solution | 0.1186 | | |
| Exercise 54. | *X ~ N(4, 5)*  *Find the maximum of x in the bottom quartile.* | | |
| Solution | 0.6276 | | |
| Exercise 55. | *The life of Sunshine CD players is normally distributed with a mean of 4.1 years and a standard deviation of 1.3 years. A CD player is guaranteed for three years. We are interested in the length of time a CD player lasts. Find the probability that a CD player will break down during the guarantee period.*  *a. Sketch the situation. Label and scale the axes. Shade the region corresponding to the probability.*    *Figure 6.17*  b. *P*(0 < *x* < \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Use zero for the minimum value of *x*.) | | |
| Solution | a. Check student’s solution.  b. 3, 0.1979 | | |
| Exercise 56. | *The life of Sunshine CD players is normally distributed with a mean of 4.1 years and a standard deviation of 1.3 years. A CD player is guaranteed for three years. We are interested in the length of time a CD player lasts.*  *Find the probability that a CD player will last between 2.8 and six years.*  *a. Sketch the situation. Label and scale the axes. Shade the region corresponding to the probability.*    *Figure 6.18*  b. *P*(\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_< *x* < \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |
| Solution | a. Check student’s solution  b. 2.8, 6, 0.7694 | | |
| Exercise 65. | *The patient recovery time from a particular surgical procedure is normally distributed with a mean of 5.3 days and a standard deviation of 2.1 days.*  *What is the median recovery time?*  *a. 2.7*  *b. 5.3*  *c. 7.4*  *d. 2.1* | | |
| Solution | B | | |
| Exercise 66. | *The patient recovery time from a particular surgical procedure is normally distributed with a mean of 5.3 days and a standard deviation of 2.1 days.*  *What is the z-score for a patient who takes ten days to recover?*  *a. 1.5*  *b. 0.2*  *c. 2.2*  *d. 7.3* | | |
| Solution | C | | |
| Exercise 67. | *The length of time to find it takes to find a parking space at 9 A.M. follows a normal distribution with a mean of five minutes and a standard deviation of two minutes. If the mean is significantly greater than the standard deviation, which of the following statements is true?*  *I. The data cannot follow the uniform distribution.*  *II. The data cannot follow the exponential distribution..*  *III. The data cannot follow the normal distribution.*  *a. I only*  *b. II only*  *c. III only*  *d. I, II, and III* | | |
| Solution | B | | |
| Exercise 68. | *The heights of the 430 National Basketball Association players were listed on team rosters at the start of the 2005–2006 season. The heights of basketball players have an approximate normal distribution with mean µ = 79 inches and a standard deviation σ = 3.89 inches. For each of the following heights, calculate the z-score and interpret it using complete sentences.*  *a. 77 inches*  *b. 85 inches*  *c. If an NBA player reported his height had a z-score of 3.5, would you believe him? Explain your answer.* | | |
| Solution | a. Use the *z*-score formula. *z* = –0.5141. The height of 77 inches is 0.5141 standard deviations below the mean. An NBA player whose height is 77 inches is shorter than average.  b. Use the *z*-score formula. *z* = 1.5424. The height 85 inches is 1.5424 standard deviations above the mean. An NBA player whose height is 85 inches is taller than average.  c. Height = 79 + 3.5(3.89) = 92.615 inches, which is taller than 7 feet, 8 inches. There are very few NBA players this tall so the answer is no, not likely. | | |
| Exercise 69. | *The systolic blood pressure (given in millimeters) of males has an approximately normal distribution with mean µ = 125 and standard deviation σ = 14. Systolic blood pressure for males follows a normal distribution.*  *a.* *Calculate the z-scores for the male systolic blood pressures 100 and 150 millimeters.*  *b. If a male friend of yours said he thought his systolic blood pressure was 2.5 standard deviations below the mean, but that he believed his blood pressure was between 100 and 150 millimeters, what would you say to him?* | | |
| Solution | a. Use the z-score formula.  and  b. I would tell him that 2.5 standard deviations below the mean would give him a blood pressure reading of 90, which is below the range of 100 to 150. | | |
| Exercise 70. | *Kyle’s doctor told him that the z-score for his systolic blood pressure is 1.75. Which of the following is the best interpretation of this standardized score? The systolic blood pressure (given in millimeters) of males has an approximately normal distribution with mean µ = 125 and standard deviation σ = 14. If X = a systolic blood pressure score then X ~ N (125, 14).*  *a. Which answer(s)* ***is/are*** *correct?*  *i. Kyle’s systolic blood pressure is 175.*  *ii. Kyle’s systolic blood pressure is 1.75 times the average blood pressure of men his age.*  *iii. Kyle’s systolic blood pressure is 1.75 above the average systolic blood pressure of men his age.*  *iv. Kyle’s systolic blood pressure is 1.75 standard deviations above the average systolic blood pressure for men.*  *b. Calculate Kyle’s blood pressure.* | | |
| Solution | a. iv  b. Kyle’s blood pressure is equal to 125 + (1.75)(14) = 149.5. | | |
| Exercise 71. | *Height and weight are two measurements used to track a child’s development. The World Health Organization measures child development by comparing the weights of children who are the same height and the same gender. In 2009, weights for all 80 cm girls in the reference population had a mean µ = 10.2 kg and standard deviation σ = 0.8 kg. Weights are normally distributed. X ~ N (10.2, 0.8). Calculate the z-scores that correspond to the following weights and interpret them.*  *a. 11 kg*  *b. 7.9 kg*  *c. 12.2 kg* | | |
| Solution | a. = 1  A child who weighs 11 kg is one standard deviation above the mean of 10.2 kg.  b. = -2.875  A child who weighs 7.9 kg is 2.875 standard deviations below the mean of 10.2 kg  c. = 2.5  A child who weighs 12.2 kg is 2.5 standard deviations above the mean of 10.2 kg. | | |
| Exercise 72. | *In 2005, 1,475,623 students heading to college took the SAT. The distribution of scores in the math section of the SAT follows a normal distribution with mean μ = 520 and standard deviation σ = 115.*  *a. Calculate the z-score for an SAT score of 720. Interpret it using a complete sentence.*  *b. What math SAT score is 1.5 standard deviations above the mean? What can you say about this SAT score?*  *c. For 2012, the SAT math test had a mean of 514 and standard deviation 117. The ACT math test is an alternate to the SAT and is approximately normally distributed with mean 21 and standard deviation 5.3. If one person took the SAT math test and scored 700 and a second person took the ACT math test and scored 30, who did better with respect to the test they took?* | | |
| Solution | Let *X* = an SAT math score and *Y* = an ACT math score.  Use the z-score formula.  a. *X* = 720 = 1.74 The exam score of 720 is 1.74 standard deviations above the mean of 520.  b. *z* = 1.5  The math SAT score is 520 = 1.5(115) ≈ 692.5. The exam score of 692.5 is 1.5 standard deviations above the mean of 520.  c. the z-score for the SAT. , the z-score for the ACT. With respect to the test they took, the person who took the ACT did better (has the higher z-score). | | |
| Exercise 73. | *The patient recovery time from a particular surgical procedure is normally distributed with a mean of 5.3 days and a standard deviation of 2.1 days.*  *What is the probability of spending more than two days in recovery?*  *a. 0.0580*  *b. 0.8447*  *c. 0.0553*  *d. 0.9420* | | |
| Solution | D | | |
| Exercise 74. | *The length of time it takes to find a parking space at 9 A.M. follows a normal distribution with a mean of five minutes and a standard deviation of two minutes.*  *Based upon the given information and numerically justified, would you be surprised if it took less than one minute to find a parking space?*  *a. Yes*  *b. No*  *c. Unable to determine* | | |
| Solution | A | | |
| Exercise 75. | *The length of time it takes to find a parking space at 9 A.M. follows a normal distribution with a mean of five minutes and a standard deviation of two minutes.*  *Find the probability that it takes at least eight minutes to find a parking space.*  *a. 0.0001*  *b. 0.9270*  *c. 0.1862*  *d. 0.0668* | | |
| Solution | d | | |
| Exercise 76. | *The length of time it takes to find a parking space at 9 A.M. follows a normal distribution with a mean of five minutes and a standard deviation of two minutes.*  *Seventy percent of the time, it takes more than how many minutes to find a parking space?*  *a. 1.24*  *b. 2.41*  *c. 3.95*  *d. 6.05* | | |
| Solution | C | | |
| Exercise 77. | *According to a study done by De Anza students, the height for Asian adult males is normally distributed with an average of 66 inches and a standard deviation of 2.5 inches. Suppose one Asian adult male is randomly chosen. Let X = height of the individual.*  *a. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *b. Find the probability that the person is between 65 and 69 inches. Include a sketch of the graph and write a probability statement.*  *c. Would you expect to meet many Asian adult males over 72 inches? Explain why or why not, and justify your answer numerically.*  *d. The middle 40% of heights fall between what two values? Sketch the graph and write probability statement.* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* ~ *N*(66,2.5)  b. 0.5404  c. No, the probability that an Asian male is over 72 inches tall is 0.0082.  d. The middle 40% of heights are the values between the 30th percentile, 64.689 inches, and the 70th percentile, 67.311 inches. | | |
| Exercise 78. | *IQ is normally distributed with a mean of 100 and a standard deviation of 15. Suppose one individual is randomly chosen. Let X = IQ of an individual.*  *a. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *b. Find the probability that the person has an IQ greater than 120. Include a sketch of the graph and write a probability statement.*  *c. MENSA is an organization whose members have the top 2% of all IQs. Find the minimum IQ needed to qualify for the MENSA organization. Sketch the graph and write the probability statement.*  *d. The middle 50% of IQs fall between what two values? Sketch the graph and write the probability statement.* | | |
| Solution | a. N(100, 15)  b. The probability that a person has an IQ greater than 120 is 0.0918.  c. A person has to have an IQ over 130 to qualify for MENSA.  d. The middle 50% of IQ scores falls between 89.95 and 110.05. | | |
| Exercise 79. | *The percent of fat calories that a person in America consumes each day is normally distributed with a mean of about 36 and a standard deviation of 10. Suppose that one individual is randomly chosen. Let X = percent of fat calories.*  *a. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *b. Find the probability that the percent of fat calories a person consumes is more than 40. Graph the situation. Shade in the area to be determined.*  *c. Find the maximum number for the lower quarter of percent of fat calories. Sketch the graph and write the probability statement.* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* ~ *N*(36, 10)  b. The probability that a person consumes more than 40% of their calories as fat is 0.3446.  c. Approximately 25% of people consume less than 29.26% of their calories as fat. | | |
| Exercise 80. | *Suppose that the distance of fly balls hit to the outfield (in baseball) is normally distributed with a mean of 250 feet and a standard deviation of 50 feet.*  *a. If X = distance in feet for a fly ball, then X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *b. If one fly ball is randomly chosen from this distribution, what is the probability that this ball traveled fewer than 220 feet? Sketch the graph. Scale the horizontal axis X. Shade the region corresponding to the probability. Find the probability.*  *c. Find the 80th percentile of the distribution of fly balls. Sketch the graph, and write the probability statement.* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* ~ *N*(250, 50)  b. The probability that a fly ball travels less than 220 feet is 0.2743.  c. Eighty percent of the fly balls will travel less than 292 feet. | | |
| Exercise 81. | *In China, four-year-olds average three hours a day unsupervised. Most of the unsupervised children live in rural areas, considered safe. Suppose that the standard deviation is 1.5 hours and the amount of time spent alone is normally distributed. We randomly select one Chinese four-year-old living in a rural area. We are interested in the amount of time the child spends alone per day.*  *a. In words, define the random variable X.*  *b. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *c. Find the probability that the child spends less than one hour per day unsupervised. Sketch the graph, and write the probability statement.*  *d. What percent of the children spend over ten hours per day unsupervised?*  *e. Seventy percent of the children spend at least how long per day unsupervised?* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* = number of hours that a Chinese four-year-old in a rural area is unsupervised during the day.  b. *X* ~ *N*(3, 1.5)  c. The probability that the child spends less than one hour a day unsupervised is 0.0918.  d. The probability that a child spends over ten hours a day unsupervised is less than 0.0001.  e. 2.21 hours | | |
| Exercise 82. | *In the 1992 presidential election, Alaska’s 40 election districts averaged 1,956.8 votes per district for President Clinton. The standard deviation was 572.3. (There are only 40 election districts in Alaska.) The distribution of the votes per district for President Clinton was bell-shaped. Let X = number of votes for President Clinton for an election district.*  *a. State the approximate distribution of X.*  *b. Is 1,956.8 a population mean or a sample mean? How do you know?*  *c. Find the probability that a randomly selected district had fewer than 1,600 votes for President Clinton. Sketch the graph and write the probability statement.*  *d. Find the probability that a randomly selected district had between 1,800 and 2,000 votes for President Clinton.*  *e. Find the third quartile for votes for President Clinton.* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* ~ *N*(1956.8, 572.3)  b. This is a population mean, because all election districts are included.  c. The probability that a district had less than 1,600 votes for President Clinton is 0.2676.  d. 0.3798  e. Seventy-five percent of the districts had fewer than 2,343 votes for President Clinton. | | |
| Exercise 83. | *Suppose that the duration of a particular type of criminal trial is known to be normally distributed with a mean of 21 days and a standard deviation of seven days.*  *a. In words, define the random variable X.*  *b. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *c. If one of the trials is randomly chosen, find the probability that it lasted at least 24 days. Sketch the graph and write the probability statement.*  *d. Sixty percent of all trials of this type are completed within how many days?* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* = the distribution of the number of days a particular type of criminal trial will take  b. *X* ~ *N*(21, 7)  c. The probability that a randomly selected trial will last more than 24 days is 0.3336.  d. 22.77 | | |
| Exercise 84. | *Terri Vogel, an amateur motorcycle racer, averages 129.71 seconds per 2.5 mile lap (in a seven-lap race) with a standard deviation of 2.28 seconds. The distribution of her race times is normally distributed. We are interested in one of her randomly selected laps.*  *a. In words, define the random variable X.*  *b. X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *c. Find the percent of her laps that are completed in less than 130 seconds.*  *d. The fastest 3% of her laps are under \_\_\_\_\_.*  *e. The middle 80% of her laps are from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconds to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconds.* | | |
| Solution | a. *X* = the distribution of race times that Terry Vogel produces  b. *X* ~ *N*(129.71, 2.28)  c. Terri completes 55.17% of her laps in less than 130 seconds.  d. 125.42 sec  e. 126.79, 132.63 | | |
| Exercise 85. | *Thuy Dau, Ngoc Bui, Sam Su, and Lan Voung conducted a survey as to how long customers at Lucky claimed to wait in the checkout line until their turn. Let X = time in line.* ***Table 6.3*** *displays the ordered real data (in minutes):*   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 0.50 | 4.25 | 5 | 6 | 7.25 | | 1.75 | 4.25 | 5.25 | 6 | 7.25 | | 2 | 4.25 | 5.25 | 6.25 | 7.25 | | 2.25 | 4.25 | 5.5 | 6.25 | 7.75 | | 2.25 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 8 | | 2.5 | 4.75 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 8.25 | | 2.75 | 4.75 | 5.75 | 6.5 | 9.5 | | 3.25 | 4.75 | 5.75 | 6.75 | 9.5 | | 3.75 | 5 | 6 | 6.75 | 9.75 | | 3.75 | 5 | 6 | 6.75 | 10.75 |   ***Table 6.1***  *a. Calculate the sample mean and the sample standard deviation.*  *b. Construct a histogram.*  *c. Draw a smooth curve through the midpoints of the tops of the bars.*  *d. In words, describe the shape of your histogram and smooth curve.*  *e. Let the sample mean approximate μ and the sample standard deviation approximate σ. The distribution of X can then be approximated by X ~ \_\_\_\_\_(\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_)*  *f. Use the distribution in part e to calculate the probability that a person will wait fewer than 6.1 minutes.*  *g. Determine the cumulative relative frequency for waiting less than 6.1 minutes.*  *h. Why aren’t the answers to part f and part g exactly the same?*  *i. Why are the answers to part f and part g as close as they are?*  *j. If only ten customers has been surveyed rather than 50, do you think the answers to part f and part g would have been closer together or farther apart? Explain your conclusion.* | | |
| Solution | a. mean = 5.51, *s* = 2.15  b. Check student's solution.  c. Check student's solution.  d. Check student's solution.  e. *X* ~ *N*(5.51, 2.15)  f. 0.6029  g. The cumulative frequency for less than 6.1 minutes is 0.64.  h. The answers to part f and part g are not exactly the same, because the normal distribution is only an approximation to the real one.  i. The answers to part f and part g are close, because a normal distribution is an excellent approximation when the sample size is greater than 30.  j. The approximation would have been less accurate, because the smaller sample size means that the data does not fit normal curve as well. | | |
| Exercise 86. | *Suppose that Ricardo and Anita attend different colleges. Ricardo’s GPA is the same as the average GPA at his school. Anita’s GPA is 0.70 standard deviations above her school average. In complete sentences, explain why each of the following statements may be false.*  *a. Ricardo’s actual GPA is lower than Anita’s actual GPA.*  *b. Ricardo is not passing because his z-score is zero.*  *c. Anita is in the 70th percentile of students at her college.* | | |
| Solution | a. If the average GPA is less at Anita’s school than it is at Ricardo’s, then Ricardo’s actual score could be higher.  b. Passing can be defined differently at different schools. Also, since Ricardo’s *z*-score is 0, his GPA is actually the average for his school, which is typically a passing GPA.  c. Anita’s percentile is higher than the 70th percentile. | | |
| Exercise 87. | *An expert witness for a paternity lawsuit testifies that the length of a pregnancy is normally distributed with a mean of 280 days and a standard deviation of 13 days. An alleged father was out of the country from 240 to 306 days before the birth of the child, so the pregnancy would have been less than 240 days or more than 306 days long if he was the father. The birth was uncomplicated, and the child needed no medical intervention. What is the probability that he was NOT the father? What is the probability that he could be the father? Calculate the z-scores first, and then use those to calculate the probability.* | | |
| Solution | For *x* = 240,  For *x* = 306,  *P*(240 < *x* < 306) = *P*(-3.0769 < z < 2) = normalcdf(-3.0769,2,0,1) = 0.9762  According to the scenario given, this means that there is 97.62% chance that he is not the father. To answer the second part of the question, there is a 1 - 0.9762 = 0.0238 = 2.38% chance that he is the father. | | |
| Exercise 88. | *A NUMMI assembly line, which has been operating since 1984, has built an average of 6,000 cars and trucks a week. Generally, 10% of the cars were defective coming off the assembly line. Suppose we draw a random sample of n = 100 cars. Let X represent the number of defective cars in the sample. What can we say about X in regard to the 68-95-99.7 empirical rule (one standard deviation, two standard deviations and three standard deviations from the mean are being referred to)? Assume a normal distribution for the defective cars in the sample.* | | |
| Solution | *n* = 100; *p* = 0.1; *q* = 0.9  μ = *np* = (100)(0.10) = 10  = 3  i. *z* = ±1: *x1* = µ + *z*(σ) = 10 + 1(3) = 13 and *x2* = µ - z (σ) = 10 - 1(3) = 7. 68% of the defective cars will fall between seven and 13.  ii. *z* = ±2: *x1* = µ + *z*(σ) = 10 + 2(3) = 16 and *x2* = µ - *z*(σ) = 10 - 2(3) = 4. 95% of the defective cars will fall between four and 16.  iii. *z* = ±3: x1 = µ + *z*(σ) = 10 + 3(3) = 19 and *x2* = µ - *z*(σ) = 10 - 3(3) = 1. 99.7% of the defective cars will fall between one and 19. | | |
| Exercise 89. | *We flip a coin 100 times (n = 100) and note that it only comes up heads 20% (p = 0.20) of the time. The mean and standard deviation for the number of times the coin lands on heads is μ = 20 and σ = 4 (verify the mean and standard deviation). Solve the following:*  *a. There is about a 68% chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_.*  *b. There is about a \_\_\_\_chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between 12 and 28.*  *c. There is about a \_\_\_\_ chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between eight and 32.* | | |
| Solution | a. There is about a 68% chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between 16 and 24. *z* = ±1: *x1* = µ + *z*(σ) = 20 + 1(4) = 24 and *x2* = µ - *z*(σ) = 20 – 1(4) = 16  b. There is about a 95% chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between 12 and 28. For this problem: normalcdf(12, 28, 20, 4) = 0.9545 = 95.45%  c. There is about a 99.73% chance that the number of heads will be somewhere between eight and 32. For this problem: normalcdf(8,32,20,4) = 0.9973 = 99.73%. | | |
| Exercise 90. | *A $1 scratch off lotto ticket will be a winner one out of five times. Out of a shipment of n = 190 lotto tickets, find the probability for the lotto tickets that there are*  *a. somewhere between 34 and 54 prizes.*  *b. somewhere between 54 and 64 prizes.*  *c. more than 64 prizes.* | | |
| Solution | *n* = 190; *p* = = 0.2; *q* = 0.8  μ = *np* = 190(0.2) = 38  = 5.5136  a. For this problem: *P*(34 < *x* < 54) = normalcdf(34, 54, 38, 5.5136) = 0.7641.  b. For this problem: *P*(54 < *x* < 64) = normalcdf(54,64,38,5.5136) = 0.0018  c. For this problem: *P*( *x* > 64) = normalcdf(64,1099 ,38,5.5136) = 0.0000012 (approximately zero). | | |
| Exercise 91. | *Facebook provides a variety of statistics on its Web site that detail the growth and popularity of the site. On average, 28 percent of 18 to 34 year olds check their Facebook profiles before getting out of bed in the morning. Suppose this percentage follows a normal distribution with a standard deviation of five percent.*  *a. Find the probability that the percent of 18 to 34-year-olds who check Facebook before getting out of bed in the morning is at least 30.*  *b. Find the 95th percentile, and express it in a sentence.* | | |
| Solution | *X* = the percent of 18 to 34-year-olds who check Facebook before getting out of bed in the morning. *X* ~ *N*(28, 5)  a. *P*(*x* ≥ 30) = 0.3446; normalcdf(30, 1EE99, 28, 5) = 0.3446  b. invNorm(0.95, 28, 05) = 36.22.  95% of 18 to 34 year olds who check Facebook before getting out of bed in the morning is at most 36.22%. | | |

**Problems 91-96 To Come**

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